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Washington Febry [February] 26. 1817.

Dear Sir

It has been my intention in my com--munication with Col: [Colonel] Mercer last summer, to supply him with Ralph & his wife, and hav--ing written to my brother to that effect, I have been in the expectation that they were sent to you for him. A dispute between Mr. Jennings and him. & the dread of punishment, have brought him to me. I fear that what you informed me, on the report of your friend, of Mr. Jennings, is correct. I wish my people to work, but not to be cruelly treated. As soon as you gave me this hint, I wrote him, & my brother, to prevent any such impro--per conduct. This step of Ralph is an unfavora--ble circumstance. The difficulty attending it, is, the danger, in case, of not supporting the author--ity of the overseer, that the negroes will be en--couraged in their disobedience & he rendered useless, which as I cannot attend them, to put things in order, may do me injury. I have however resolved to send Ralph to you, and to authorize you, to take him & his wife home,

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For Col: [Colonel] Mercer, for which purpose I enclose you a line to my brother. Ralph need not go there at all, & his wife will be delivered up on applica--tion for her.

I have procured several Germans & sent them to Loudoun. I hope they will turn out well, but from what I hear there is some danger of it.

> I hope to be up in a week or ten days -With immense regard yours Jas [James] Monroe

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